(c) if so, by when the ownership rights would be given to the rehabilitated persons and the details of the steps taken to solve the main problems of these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) 429 rural families affected due to Tehri Dam have been rehabilitated at village Pathri in District Haridwar. The Government of Uttaranchal have already declared Pathri resettlement site as a revenue village with the name of 'Adarsh Tehri Nagar'.

The land rights are in process through record operation. The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that families settled in Pathri are demanding two revenue villages instead of one village, and presently, there is a ban till 31.12.2003 on reorganization of villages in India by the Delimitation Commission.

Clearance of pending power projects of Tamil Nadu

1884. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any projects in Tamil Nadu which are pending for consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the status of such projects and the reasons for the delay in the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No power project in the State of Tamil Nadu is pending with Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC).

Clearance from REC for Rural Electrification in Uttaranchal

†1885. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for rural electrification received by REC from Uttaranchal and the number of proposals cleared along with the amount allocated, out of these proposals;

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(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that most of the villages of the State are still deprived of electrification; and

(c) if so, by when all villages including Tonkon (a village) of the State are proposed to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) During 2002-03, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) received 3 rural electrification projects involving system improvement works from Uttaranchal Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) which were sanctioned by REC for a total loan assistance of Rs. 139.42 crores.

(b) According to Uttaranchal Power Corporation Limited, out of total 15664 villages, 12863 villages have been electrified as on 31.3.2003.

(c) Uttaranchal Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) has further informed that all the villages including Toks will be electrified by the end of 10th Plan (March, 2007).

Extending income tax holiday to KSEB

1886. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the declining trend of interest rate, Government proposed to swap the high interest rate loan availed for Kayamkulam Thermal Project and pass over the benefits to Kerala State Eelctricity Board;

(b) whether Government propose to limit the return on equity to 12 per cent against 16 per cent in power purchase agreement of NTPC Kayamkulam with KSEB;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NTPC is not extending the income tax holiday to KSEB; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend the benefit of tax holiday, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has utilized loans from World Bank, External

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